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Dear Sir,

Charleston June 2nd 1788

Notwithstanding the threats
of some every thing is peaceable &
quiet in this country. The new constitu-
tion becomes daily more acceptable & it
is now the general wish that it may
have a speedy operation. I hear our
next return day. Many with mild ap-
petites commence. I do not so much fear any
further legislative interferences as an
application to a rigorous execution of the
law. The Attorney General is ordered to
fine the merchants & they will of course
fine almost every body. Habbey is the man
who does nothing. Debtors hold their pro-
perty by the courtesy of their creditors. For
if the latter wish the former will be
ruined & often the debt unpaid though
a great deal of property is sacrificed.

The incident was shown up in a few hours
by request & was to have been publicly
spoken but the crowd was too great. It
therefore appears in its present form. It
is not worth finding so far but may
serve for an idle hour.

I perhaps the present Congress
is near its dissolution but I trust Phoenix
like another will rise out of it & that
the glory of the second will exceed that of
the first. To conduct us through a
war was great but to govern us in
peace & make us happy among ourselves
is a much more arduous labor. W.

Wm. Lloyd Garrison joins me in our most respectful
compliments to Mrs. Keen & yourself.

I am with great esteem
your friend & very
humble servant

Daniel M. Conway

S. Ramsay
June 20. 88

Mr. John Kean
in or near
New-York.